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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR A/SEC DAVIS

1. THERE FOLLOWS PROPOSED TEXT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR USE OF A/SEC DAVIS IF DESIRED. AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS USE OF SOME SUCH STATEMENT TO HELP SET TONE FOR A/SEC DAVIS' VISIT HERE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE IN ETHIOPIA, A COUNTRY WITH A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE WHICH I HAVE LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING. THIS IS MY FIRST TRIP HERE SINCE ASSUMING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND SO THIS IS SOMETHING OF AN ORIENTATION TOUR FOR ME. I AMPARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ETHIOPIAN LEADERS AND TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. I HOPE ALSO TO MEET WITH RANKING OFFICIALS AT OAU AND ECA.

3. THE UNITED STATES AND ETHIOPIA HAVE LONG ENJOYED A CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP, NOT ONLY ON THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL BUT ALSO BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES -- A RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE MANY AMERICANS WHO HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN THIS COUNTRY AND CARRIED FOND MEMORIES HOME, AND BY THE MANY ETHIOPIANS WHO HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES FOR PLEASURE OR BUSINESS OR WHO HAVE STUDIED THERE. I SPEAK FOR MY GOVERNMENT AND FOR MYSELF IN SAYING THAT I HOPE THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE BOTH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND FRIENDLY.

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4. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE PROGRESSIVE GOALS OF THE

ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AS THEY WORK TO MODERNIZE AND DEVELOP THEIR COUNTRY. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE INCREASED EMPHASIS PLACED ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AN EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS. INDEED, AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA IS GEARED TO THESE OBJECTIVES AND IS MORE VARIED AND GREATER TODAY THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR DROUGHT RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ALONE, THE USG HAS CONTRIBUTED OVER ETH\$59 MILLION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE EMERGENCY.

5. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL HOPE THAT THE NEW ETHIOPIA WILL THRIVE AND PROSPER.
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